

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**Smoke Evacuation System**", the specification of which

- is attached hereto.
- was filed on XXXXXX as United States application number
XXXXXX and amended on (NA).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below, and I have also identified and listed below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application, having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Number	Country	day/month/year filed	Priority Claimed

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any U.S. provisional application(s) listed below:

U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)

Application Serial No.	Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s), or under Section 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIORITY APPLICATION

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
09/673,406	October 17, 2000	Pending

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were

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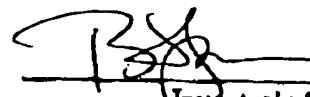
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